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TARBOLTON LODGE CELEBRATES ITS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY IN FITTING MANNER

The Fifty Year Mark Passed With Appropriate Ceremonies. Historical Reading of the Institution and Growth of the Order by Mayor Rayburn. An Excellent Program and Fine Banquet.

Tarbolton Lodge, No. 351, A. F. & A. M., was fifty years old Monday, October 3, 1910, and the celebration of that auspicious occasion was held at the Masonic hall last evening. The lodge rooms were just out of the decorators hands and presented a beautiful appearance to the large assemblage of Masons gathered there. There were some disappointments on the program. Deputy Grand Master D. D. Darrah, who was to have been the principal speaker of the evening was unable to be present. John Zimmerman, who was also on the program, being one of the oldest members of the lodge, was kept away by sickness.

Mr. Robert Rumbold

Robert Rumbold, of Chatsworth, the only living charter member of Tarbolton Lodge, was present. Mr. Rumbold has been a Mason for 56 years. He was made a member of Cedar lodge of Morris in 1854, withdrawing his membership there in 1860 to help organize Tarbolton lodge. There were about 125 Masons present, members of the order being in attendance from Pontiac, Chenoa, Weston, Gibson City, Saunemin, Forrest, Chatsworth and other points.

Worshipful Master Lewis S. Henderson called the lodge to order and after a short speech of welcome called Past W. M. Dr. J. R. Rayburn to the chair. The chairs were then filled with the following past masters of Tarbolton lodge: A. H. Birch, S. W.; John Conerus, J. W.; J. E. Gouldy, S. D.; Fred Wright, J. D., C. F. H. Carrithers, Treas., H. W. Pence, Sec.

An excellent program had been prepared by the committee in charge and was given as follows:

Lodge History - Dr. J. R. Rayburn
Song—Rock of Ages - John Wink, Fred Bethard, Logan Kring, James Patterson, Dr. H. B. Bull.
Speech - C. F. H. Carrithers
Duet—God is Wisdom - C. W. Neitz, John Wink
Remeniscences - Old members of the order
Song—Send Out Thy Light - Quintette
Speeches by Worshipful Masters and visiting brethern.
Song—God Be With You Till We Meet Again - Quintette and members.

One of the most pleasant features of the evening was the presentation to Robert Rumbold of a beautiful gold headed cane by the members, Judge C. F. H. Carrithers making the presentation speech. Mr. Rumbold responded, thanking the members most sincerely.

In the absence of Mr. Darrah Judge Carrithers made the address of the evening and it was without doubt one of the best speeches on Masonry ever delivered in this city. The speaker was heartily applauded by his audience. The singing by the quintette also won hearty applause.

Following the program a splendid banquet was served. Burch's orchestra furnished music. Following the banquet the brethern enjoyed the remainder of the evening in a social way. The affair was one of the most pleasant in the history of the lodge.

A beautiful souvenir, a blue silk badge on which was lettered in gold, "1860-1910, Fiftieth Anniversary, Tarbolton Lodge No. 351, A. F. & A. M., Fairbury, Ill., Oct. 20, 1910," was given each one present.

Of J. R. Rayburn, W. J. Bethard, Charles W. Sterns and N. E. Fulton.

Lodge History by Dr. J. R. Rayburn

The history of Tarbolton Lodge, No. 351, A. F. & A. M., is a record of progress. A record of an organization established under most unfavorable conditions, which through the strenuous efforts of its members, who have held in high esteem the principles of Masonry, has established itself as one of the strongest and best equipped lodges in central Illinois.

I found it impossible to obtain a complete and unbroken history of Tarbolton Lodge for the fifty years of its existence because of the records having been destroyed by fire in 1875, fifteen years after the charter had been issued.

A dispensation was issued by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Illinois early in the year 1860 to institute a Masonic lodge in Fairbury, to be known as Tarbolton Lodge, No. 351. It may be of interest to some of us to know something of the origin of the name Tarbolton. Two of our charter members, Brothers Henry Remington and L. H. Nash, were strong admirers of Bobby Burns, who, they claimed was a Mason and held membership in a lodge whose name was Tarbolton. At their suggestion the name Tarbolton was adopted for the new lodge then being instituted in Fairbury.

Tarbolton Lodge worked under dispensation until the meeting of the Grand Lodge, the following October in Springfield, at which time a charter was issued, bearing the date October 3rd, 1860, and was signed by A. W. Buck, Grand Master, and Harmon G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

The charter members were Aaron Weider, N. S. McDowell, L. H. Nash, Henry Remington, Robert Rumbolt, Horace M. Gillette, A. B. Hulsey, O. P. Ross and S. R. Roberts. Aaron Weider was the first Worshipful Master; N. S. McDowell, Senior Warden; L. H. Nash, Junior Warden. Of these nine brethern whose names appear on our charter, but one survives, Brother Robert Rumbold, whose residence at the present time is at Chatsworth, being the only living charter member of Tarbolton Lodge.

The first meetings of Tarbolton Lodge were held in a building of wood standing on the ground now occupied by the City Bakery. Two of the brethern whose names appear on our charter, Brothers Henry Remington (father of Albert Remington) and Horace M. Gillette conducted a general mercantile business on the ground floor of the building with living apartments on the second floor for both families. In these living rooms the first meetings of Tarbolton Lodge were held. We get the information from the good wife of Henry Remington who is still living, that these meetings were held under some difficulties, and at no small inconvenience to the general household.

On lodge nights the wives of these two faithful brethern were invited to vacate the premises for the entire evening, which they did, I am told, without a murmur. Just when the meetings were discontinued at this place we have no records to show, but I have it from the memory of one of our brethern that the lodge removed from those rooms into a hall in a building which stood on the corner of Locust and Fourth Sts., where the Klondike Hotel now stands. This building was destroyed by fire, February 22nd, 1868, after which Tarbolton Lodge got permission to hold its meetings in a residence on the corner of Elm and Sixth streets, owned and occupied by Brother Smith Olney, now the home of Charles Cumpston. From thence Tarbolton Lodge moved into a building which stood where this one now stands and which was owned jointly by Tarbolton Lodge and Livingston Lodge, No. 290, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In December, 1870 Tarbolton Lodge sold its interest to Livingston Lodge, but continued to meet here until March 28th, 1875, on which date the building was destroyed by fire. In this fire, Tarbolton lost her entire equipment, paraphernalia, records, and charter, and was practically bankrupt. As evidence of the zeal and loyal determination of the brethern who composed the membership, I point to the promptness which characterized their actions at that time.

They applied for and received a duplicate charter which bears the date April 1st, 1875, the third day after the fire. They secured a meeting place with Marshfield Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and held an informal meeting in their hall (where Wilson Kelso's residence now stands) April 1st, 1875. They continued to meet here until June 17th, 1875, on which date they moved into rooms over Blackburn & Co.'s drug store, (now Phil Wade's drug store.) They occupied these rooms until the completion of this hall. The history of the building of this hall if written in detail, would afford too much material to be given here, therefore I may only touch briefly upon some of the principle points.

As I said above, the fire of March 1875, left Tarbolton Lodge practically bankrupt. A hall of sufficient size and convenience could not be found. To build appeared to be the only possible means of saving the life of the lodge. Yet to build without money was a problem hard to solve. Previous to this Fairbury Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M., and St. Paul Commandery, No. 34, Knights Templar, had been instituted, but had, like Tarbolton, suffered the loss of everything in the fire.

These three bodies of Masonry, Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, finally decided to join forces and build a hall. Some time during the summer of 1875, the contract was let by parties owning the lots, for the erection of this building we are now in. By contract these parties were to own and occupy the two store rooms on the ground floor and the Masonic fraternity was to own and occupy the second story over both store rooms. To start this enterprise six hundred dollars was raised by subscription from among the brethern. The balance of the money was borrowed at the bank of Bartlett, Beach & Dominy, a note being given as security, signed by twenty of the members of the Masonic fraternity. The hall was completed early in the year of 1876. The records show that the first meeting held herein by Tarbolton Lodge was on the evening of February 3rd, 1876, less than one year after the fire.

The Masonic fraternity later purchased and now own the store room below, occupied by Bethard & Son.

The first stated communications of Tarbolton Lodge were held on Thursday, evenings on or before the full moon. This practice was adopted, I presume, for the convenience of the members as it afforded moonlight nights for lodge attendance. We now meet the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Officers of Tarbolton Lodge Since 1871:

January 5, 1871.	
Wm. Baily - Worshipful Master	N. V. T. Robertson, Worshipful M.
N. V. T. Robertson, Senior Warden	M. L. Hamilton - Senior Warden
Wm. Griffith - Junior Warden	E. F. Joy - Junior Warden
J. E. Bliss - Secretary	J. E. Bliss - Secretary
December 21, 1871.	December 12, 1872.
N. V. V. Robertson, Worshipful M.	N. V. V. Robertson, Worshipful M.
H. J. Straight - Senior Warden	H. Remington - Senior Warden
E. F. Joy - Junior Warden	E. Gregg - Junior Warden
A. D. Olney - Secretary	Wm. Hackett - Secretary
November 27, 1873.	December 17, 1874.
E. F. Joy - Worshipful Master	E. F. Joy - Worshipful Master
E. Gregg - Senior Warden	E. Gregg - Senior Warden
S. Olney - Junior Warden	S. M. Barnes - Junior Warden
John Decker - Secretary	S. Olney - Secretary
December 9, 1875.	November 30, 1876.
E. F. Joy - Worshipful Master	E. Gregg - Worshipful Master
S. M. Barnes - Senior Warden	S. B. Barnes - Senior Warden
A. M. Burch - Junior Warden	A. M. Burch - Junior Warden
S. Olney - Secretary	Edward Anable - Secretary
December 20, 1877.	December 5, 1878.
Smith Olney - Worshipful Master	Smith Olney - Worshipful Master
H. M. Gillett - Senior Warden	Jno. Zimmerman - Senior Warden
H. Remington - Junior Warden	Henry Kingman - Junior Warden
T. W. Duffy - Secretary	T. W. Duffy - Secretary
December 25, 1879.	December 16, 1880.
E. F. Joy - Worshipful Master	Jno. Zimmerman, Worshipful Master
G. W. Patton - Senior Warden	Wm. Blain - Senior Warden
J. R. Rayburn - Junior Warden	J. R. Rayburn - Junior Warden
Smith Olney - Secretary	S. Olney - Secretary
December 1, 1881.	December 21, 1882.
E. W. Mahoney - Worshipful Master	J. R. Rayburn - Worshipful Master
J. M. Belke - Senior Warden	R. Anable - Senior Warden
E. Anable - Junior Warden	M. E. DuBois - Junior Warden
Secretary	Smith Olney - Secretary
December 13, 1883.	November 27, 1884.
S. M. Barnes - Worshipful Master	C. F. H. Carrithers, Worshipful M.
D. A. Fraley - Senior Warden	Wm. Ireland - Senior Warden
M. Katz - Junior Warden	Jas. J. Pearson - Junior Warden
Smith Olney - Secretary	Smith Olney - Secretary
December 17, 1885.	December 9, 1886.
C. F. H. Carrithers, Worshipful M.	J. R. Rayburn - Worshipful Master
M. Katz - Senior Warden	T. T. Babcock - Senior Warden
T. T. Babcock - Junior Warden	C. E. Carter - Junior Warden
Smith Olney - Secretary	Smith Olney - Secretary
November 24, 1887.	December 13, 1888.
J. R. Rayburn - Worshipful Master	C. F. H. Carrithers, Worshipful M.
Smith Olney - Senior Warden	C. E. Carter - Senior Warden
T. A. McKenzie - Junior Warden	T. A. McKenzie - Junior Warden
Jno Zimmerman - Secretary	Jno. Zimmerman - Secretary
December 5, 1889.	December 25, 189.
T. A. McKenzie, Worshipful Master	J. R. Rayburn - Worshipful Master
J. H. Conerus - Senior Warden	J. H. Conerus - Senior Warden
C. J. Merit - Junior Warden	Jas. E. Hopkins - Junior Warden
Jno. Zimmerman - Secretary	W. C. Wade - Secretary
December 10, 1891.	December 1, 1892.
J. H. Conerus - Worshipful Master	J. H. Conerus - Worshipful Master
J. E. Hopkins - Senior Warden	E. W. Mahoney - Senior Warden
J. J. Pence - Junior Warden	T. T. Babcock - Junior Warden
E. Gregg - Secretary	E. Gregg - Secretary
December 7, 1893.	December 6, 1894.
John Zimmerman - Worshipful M.	John Zimmerman - Worshipful M.
T. T. Babcock - Senior Warden	A. H. Burch - Senior Warden
A. H. Burch - Junior Warden	John Clift - Junior Warden
Smith Olney - Secretary	Thos. Gaunt - Secretary
December 6, 1895.	December 3, 1896.
C. F. H. Carrithers - Worshipful M.	E. Gregg - Worshipful Master
J. H. Clift - Senior Warden	C. S. Brydia - Senior Warden
A. C. Bartlett - Junior Warden	M. M. Jacobs - Junior Warden
M. M. Jacobs - Secretary	John Zimmerman - Secretary
December 2, 1897.	December 15, 1898.
C. S. Brydia - Worshipful Master	C. S. Brydia - Worshipful Master
M. M. Jacobs - Senior Warden	M. M. Jacobs - Senior Warden
S. R. Cornish - Junior Warden	S. R. Cornish - Junior Warden
John Zimmerman - Secretary	John Zimmerman - Secretary
December 7, 1899.	December 6, 1900.
C. S. Brydia - Worshipful Master	J. R. Rayburn - Worshipful Master
M. M. Jacobs - Senior Warden	M. M. Jacobs - Senior Warden
T. F. Langabeer - Junior Warden	H. W. Pence - Junior Warden
John Zimmerman - Secretary	John Zimmerman - Secretary
December 5, 1901.	December 5, 1902.
J. R. Rayburn - Worshipful Master	A. H. Birch - Worshipful Master
A. H. Birch - Senior Warden	H. W. Pence - Senior Warden
H. W. Pence - Junior Warden	W. C. Conerus - Junior Warden
John Zimmerman - Secretary	John Zimmerman - Secretary
December 3, 1903.	December 1, 1904.
A. H. Birch - Worshipful Master	H. W. Pence - Worshipful Master
H. W. Pence - Senior Warden	Fred Wright - Senior Warden
Fred Wright - Junior Warden	J. F. Goudy - Junior Warden
John Zimmerman - Secretary	John Zimmerman - Secretary
December 7, 1905.	December 6, 1906.
H. W. Pence - Worshipful Master	Fred Wright - Worshipful Master
Fred Wright - Senior Warden	J. F. Goudy - Senior Warden
J. F. Goudy - Junior Warden	L. S. Henderson - Junior Warden
John Zimmerman - Secretary	John Zimmerman - Secretary
December 5, 1907.	December 3, 1908.
J. F. Goudy - Worshipful Master	J. F. Goudy - Worshipful Master
L. S. Henderson - Senior Warden	L. S. Henderson - Senior Warden
A. F. Corser - Junior Warden	A. F. Corser - Junior Warden
John Zimmerman - Secretary	John Zimmerman - Secretary
December 2, 1909.	
L. S. Henderson - Worshipful Master	
A. F. Corser - Senior Warden	
H. R. Bull - Junior Warden	
John Zimmerman - Secretary	

SOCIAL NOTES

Mrs. N. M. Otis gave a dinner party to a small party of lady friends on Wednesday evening. A delightful dinner was served.

The marriage of Dr. J. H. Langstaff and Miss Aldine Merit will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Merit, tomorrow afternoon. The bride and groom will leave for Chicago in the evening.

Mrs. Louise Filley, who will leave shortly for her new home in Oklahoma, was tendered a farewell reception at the G. A. R. hall last Saturday evening by the members of the W. R. C. and the G. A. R. A pleasant evening was spent and refreshments served.

The Eurodelphians met with Miss Laura Potter Wednesday afternoon, and after the regular meeting Miss Aldine Merit was given a spoon shower. A very pleasant afternoon was spent and a delightful luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Keener of Avoca have gone to Tennessee for a visit with old friends.

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Isaac Walton made a business trip to Peoria, Thursday.

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Rudolf Meier underwent an operation in a Chicago hospital this week. He was accompanied to Chicago by Edward Huber.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moore left for Oklahoma Tuesday. From there they will go to southern Texas to look the country over.

Mrs. Fannie Andrews of Pulaski, Ia., who has been visiting her sisters, Mrs. Fred Huette and Mrs. Joe Slagel, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jones were in Marseilles this week attending the reunion of the 139th Ill. Vol. Inf., Mr. Jones' old regiment. They had a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mangan of Temple, Okla., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. Flanagan, went to Enda, Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mangan before returning home.

Abbott shoes $3.50—Wann.

Husking mitts 60c per dozen at Wann's.

Mrs. George Mallory visited with Mrs. J. Tuttle in Pontiac, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hoette are at Lowell, Ind., this week visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Hotaling left Saturday for a business and pleasure trip to Chicago.

W. H. Clark returned on Saturday from a hunting expedition along the Iroquois river north of Crescent City.

Mrs. O. S. Westervelt and daughter, Mayme, were the guests of the family of Prof. Pearl Hawk in Pontiac Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Gregg, assistant county superintendent of schools, was over from Pontiac Sunday the guest of her parents.

Adolph Baehler of Rockville, N. Y. and Robert Baehler, of Remington, Ind., were guests of friends here the first of the week.

Misses Sarah and May Bennett visited their brother, George H., at the hospital in Bloomington, Sunday. He is getting along fine.

Seat sale for "The Climax" will open Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Wades. Prices 25c and 50c in balcony, 75c and $1.00 on main floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Teal are entertaining her father, Mr. Carson, and a daughter and son, Mr. Carson, who reside in Champaign.

Mrs. C. E. Grandy, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Foster and sister, Mrs. W. B. Decker, returned to her home in Pontiac, Wednesday.

The families of James H. and J. A. Carter visited Sunday with the family of S. L. Carter, who resides near Thawville. They made the trip in the latter's auto.

The Glazier Jubilee Singers, who appeared at the Baptist church last evening delighted the large audience which greeted them. The male quartette was exceptionally good.

August Seifert has purchased the Rev. I. O. McCullough residence on the south side, paying $4,050 for the same. Mr. Seifert will move to this city shortly from his farm near Cropsey.

George H. Franzen, candidate for circuit clerk, is getting very much excited because the record of the proceedings of the board of supervisors has not been sent to the newspapers for publication. George H. was just as much excited about unionizing the printers of Fairbury, and the first thing he did was to go to work in a non-union office.

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